Rain, Ice, Sunshine

Fog Confuses Students

By LINDA LOCKWOOD

Dense fog, rain, ice storms and warm sunny days have all shown their faces in January and February and continue to confuse LSUS students.

"Winter is not over," said Ernest Ethridge, official in charge of the National Shreveport Weather Bureau.

Few Sunny Days

So students are encouraged to bask in the few warm days that February will provide.

Although such changeable weather is not uncommon for this area during this time of year, it has set many unusual records, according to the Weather Bureau.

Foggy For Days

For 25 consecutive days in January the campus was blanketed in clean, white fog. "This set the record for the most continuous fog ever recorded in our area," said Ethridge.

During these days visibility was restricted to less than three miles.

On 11 days the fog, which was very dense, hovered through the daylight hours and restricted visibility to less than one-fourth of a mile.

Cause of Fog

What caused this dense fog? According to Ethridge, moist air from the South flowed over our area, caused percipitation to fall into a cold air mass near the surface and fogs formed in these humid air masses.

"It was just a real lousy month as far as the fog is concerned and it has not been equaled previously," said Ethridge.

January's Rainfall

January's rainfall also set two records.

It was the fourth wettest January on record with 28 days of rainfall it beat the January 1937 statistic of having the most days of rain.

Rainy and foggy days are not over, according to the Weather Bureau. "In fact, we have fog every month in Shreveport," said Ethridge.

Ground Fog

Usually the area experiences ground fog, which is simply a fluffy cloud on the ground that disappears soon after the sun comes up.

With daylight savings time in effect some students will be encountering this early morning fog.

Reduced Visibility

Because visibility is reduced by fog, Ethridge warns students to "slow down" and drive cautiously, especially in dense fog at night.

He also said, "A high car light beam will give less visibility than a low beam because it reflects off of the suspended water droplets."



MORE SEATS WERE EMPTY than filled at the last Campus-Wide Discussion. Topics from color and mascot to attendance regulation were discussed by the thirty students and faculty who attended. SEC Director, Rebel Brown presented her committee members, and new SGA senators were introduced. Photo by Irvin Schueler.

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Personalized Auto Plates

New Game To Be Played

All over the state, people are beginning to play a new word game and the words are on their license plates. Somewhere in Louisiana a car owned by a gynecologist will bear the license plate "OB GYN". An LSU fan's license plate reads "GO LSU" while another says it more simply with "TIGERS".

A small Datsun 240Z will soon sport a plate reading ZZZOOM. One wit has ordered a personalized license plate reading IMB4U. The owner of an auction barn in south Louisiana has ordered a plate saying CATTLE while a north Louisiana lumberman has ordered TIMBER.

New Thing

Personalized plates are a new thing for Louisianians this year. For the first time, an automobile owner can purchase a license plate bearing his own personal choice of letters or combination of numbers and letters.

Dick Taylor, Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department, says no two license plates are the same and they are issued on a first come, first serve basis.

Fifty Dollars

Taylor said the personalized plates cost the purchaser $50 plus the regular $6 fee for a two year license plate.

The plates cannot have combinations of more than six letters and/or numbers and each plate must have at least two alphabetical characters. Dots, dashes or spaces count as one letter each.

No Offensive Connotations

"Only the 26 English alpha letters and English numerals will be accepted," Taylor said. "Plates will not be issued which bear a number and letter combination which might have a connotation offensive to good taste."

He pointed out that those persons ordering personalized plates will be issued a regular license plate until their prestige plate is received from the manufacturer.

Obtain Two Forms

To order a personalized plate, a person must obtain two forms, VEH-13 and VEH-1R, from his local Motor Vehicle office. He mails the completed forms with $56 to the Special Services Section of the Motor Vehicle Division in Baton Rouge.



DOM SPONSORS, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS from left to right are: Annie Foster, Sherrie Anthony, Barbara Jordon, Cissi Magill, and Mr. Don Smith all seated. Standing are Rene Langlois, Ed Sanders, Bailey Smith, Frank Lacobee, Tim Sloan, Dr. Carlos Spaht, and Mike Ferrell. Photo by Larry Hilton.

DOM

Officers Elected

Delta Omicron Mu last February 3 elected new officers and sponsors.

Officers include: Frank Lacobee, chairman, Ed Sanders, vice-chairman, Bailey Smith, secretary, Mike Ferrell, parliamentarian, Rene Langlois, treasurer, and Tim Sloan, sergeant at arms and pledge chairman.

New Sponsors

Cissi McGill, Beverly Salsbury, Sherrie Anthony, Annie Foster, and Barbara Jordan were named sponsors.

DOM not only functions as an organization that offers civic help to our school and the community, but has its own social activities as well.

Direction Defined

To define their direction in the coming semester a planning committee was created. Goals and activities will soon be announced.

The fraternity is making an all out effort to find new members. They want all veterans to know that DOM is available at LSUS. Every Friday afternoon an informal gathering is held at Carousel.

Sex Talk To Start 'Introspect 74'

"Introspect 1974" is a series of informal discussions between the faculty and the students.

Dr. George Kemp, associate professor of psychology, will lead the first discussion today at noon in the liberal arts building, room 101. Human sexuality will be the topic discussed.

Open Discussion

"These happenings will be free and open discussions that are not too structured," said Don Dino, head of the Physical Education Department.

Next Wednesday, Dr. Tom Moss, dean of the College of Sciences, will be discussing the energy crisis.

Selections of Poetry

On February Dino will be reading selections of James Kavanaugh's poetry. Some of Kavanaugh's publishings are, "Out Dated Church," "Birth of God", and "Faces in the City."

Future Introspect topics will include a discussion of humanist alternatives and a demonstration by a Kung Fu expert from China.

"We are seeking volunteers, faculty members and students, who would like to lead Introspect discussions," said Dino.

Board Adopts New Proposal

The LSUS Board of Supervisors on February 2 approved a request to change the title of the Administrative X-Ray Technology Curriculum to the X-Ray Technology Administration.

According to Dr. Gary Brashier, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, emphasis in this curriculum will be on producing a graduate who can serve successfully as an Administrator in an X-Ray Technology facility and not necessarily to produce a licensed certified technician.

Dr. Brashier also said that even though the title of the curriculum has been changed the degrees will still be granted to the college of Science.

Another proposal which was approved was one which would allow the college of Liberal Arts to grant a B.A. in Law. The way this plan works is that a student can take 100 hours at LSUS then attend law school for one year, whereupon the student can be awarded a B.A. in Law from LSUS.

According to Dr. Brashier this program is designed for the student who is certain that he wants to attend law school. This program, however, is not unique as there are many universities throughout the nation which have similar programs.

Streakers Abound

Fad Is Increasing

"Wanted . . . Faster than a speeding bullet more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound."

If you meet the following qualifications you are among that ever increasing number of streakers.

Streaking, the popular fad among college students of running around in their birthday clothes, has hit many major campuses throughout the U.S.

Streakers hit public places and do a fast disappearing act in waiting cars. The worst thing that could happen to a streaker is probably colliding with someone.

A Los Angeles radio station went so far as to announce 'streaker alerts' to warn the public of students in the buff on the loose.

Attention! LSUS frat brothers, alias Burt Reynolds and Raquel Welch, where are your nerves?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Agriculture club will be selling student directories today and tomorrow in the lobbies of the Liberal Arts and Science buildings. The price is one dollar.

SEC presents the movie, "The Learning Tree", this Friday night in the SLA, at 7:30 p.m.

SGA needs volunteers for the Sickle-cell Anemia Drive, February 18 to 22. SGA plans to collect donations for this worthy cause. Those interested please come by the SGA office, LA124.

The Office of Academic Affairs, LA226, will be open during the lunch hours from now on.

Students, don't forget the "Crazy Crawfish Beer Bash Boogy", slated for February 25. Students, faculty members, and their dates are urged to attend.

Attendance Regulations

Chancellor Replies

By VIC PIZZOLATO

Chancellor Donald Shipp, in a very unusual gesture, has responded to a letter printed in the **Almagest** on January 30. It was sent in by Randy Chaffee and it concerned the attendance regulations at LSUS.

Chancellor Shipp said that the two main premises of Mr. Chaffee's letter were completely false.

Mr. Chaffee indicated that class attendance was mandatory and that the instructors were given the power to reduce a student's grade on assignments or courses because of poor attendance.

Rule Changed

Chancellor Shipp said that at one time there was a regulation that called for the placing on probation any student with three unexcused absences per semester, and dropping that student from the university rolls after a fourth. He said that has been changed, however.

Also, the chancellor continued, that the attendance regulations do not give a professor the power to drop grades because of attendance as Mr. Chaffee believes. Chancellor Shipp suggested that Mr. Chaffee thoroughly read pages 44 and 45 of the student handbook for a better understanding of the attendance regulations.

No Mandatory Attendance

Chancellor Shipp further stated that LSUS was not "one of the few remaining public universities in the country to have mandatory attendance regulations," and that the regulations of LSUS were identical to those of LSU-Baton Rouge and LSU-New Orleans.

The editors of the **Almagest**, said Chancellor Shipp, should be more observant as to what they print and to be sure that what is printed is accurate.

Editor Supports Chaffee

The editors of the Almagest do not edit except for grammatical errors and spelling, etc. . . . any material submitted by students, faculty members or the Chancellor for that matter. This was the case concerning Randy Chafee's letter on January 30.

We are indeed glad to know that there is no mandatory attendance regulation on the LSUS campus. But with reference to Chancellor Shipp's suggestions to Randy Chaffee's reading pages 44 and 45 of the current student handbook, we make these observations.

Contained in paragraph 1 of page 44 is this statement. "Regular and punctual class attendance is **required** and **necessary** for satisfactory work." Is this not mandatory in nature?

Absences Reported

In paragraph 2, line 2, page 44 this statement appears alluding to the instructor's obligation to report absences to the dean of one's college. "This report is made not only for the student whose absence may cause him to fail the course; it also applies when absences cause **a lowering of a grade** in a course." Does this mean that for not attending a class one's grade may be lowered?

From paragraph 4, line 1, page 44 we get; "The instructor may request that a student be dismissed from his class for excessive absences." That is blatantly a threat to the student on no other grounds than attendance!

"WF" for Excessive Absences

In paragraph 6, page 45, line 1, we read; "A student dismissed from class because of excessive absences will receive the grade of "WF" in that course in accordance with the dates established in the university calendar." Does this not mean that a student can be dropped from a class and receive a grade of "WF" for said class for simply missing classes?

Surely this is enough evidence of mandatory class attendance. When one's grades and overall relationship with a university can be in jeopardy because of poor class attendance alone, mandatory attendance is in force.

By Stephen Primos

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Living in a Fish Bowl

Students Visit Women's Prison

By SANDY BELLAR

Her sentence for possession and intent to distribute narcotics is natural life, at St. Gabriel Correctional Institution for women. As the prisoner was just beginning her 'St. Gabriel experience," her case history fascinated a group of criminology students who recently toured the prison.

Penologists, social workers and students from the entire state were favorably impressed with the new facility.

Looks Like School

Resembling a modern Louisiana school, the sprawling establishment is located 11 miles south of Baton Rouge. However, one becomes immediately aware of its purpose because it is completely encircled by a 12-foot fence with an iron gate entrance.

Once inside, the visitor becomes aware of watchful eyes and locked doors. 'It's like living in a fishbowl," noted a student. After the initial shock to the reality of the caged-up feeling, the tour began.

To the groups' surprise, inmates rather than prison officials served as guides. Consequently, personal remarks presented a clearer picture of prison life than was expected.

Luxuries Supplied

First, an "outlet" like a Pak A Sak counter supplies the women with such luxuries as cigarettes, candy and stationary. This activity is the only similarity with the outside world.

However, prisoners pay retail prices but earn only two cents an hour at prison labor. "A few inmates are lucky enough to have some cash sent to them, but most rely on their prison work for income," commented the guide.

Next, a huge "rotunda" came in view. In the center of this room is a circular, enclosed desk which serves as the prison's nucleus. Here, each cell block is monitored by an eagle-eyed matron. She explained the communications system as a convenience for the staff.

Trouble Saved

"By talking to the girls over the equipment, we save ourselves the trouble of going to them." "Each inmate can call the desk at any time," she said.

Then, the group saw the TV room, living room and visiting area. All three rooms are identical with dividers rather than walls used to separate them. This assures that the women have no privacy.

Further, surrounding these rooms are individual cubicles—the prisoners' rooms. "Unlike the old prison, the women are separated into cell blocks according to the number of offences. Therefore, first offenders are set apart from second or multiple offenders, explained the guide.

Each Cell The Same

Every cell is alike; they are no bigger than a closet with one tiny, square window in the left-hand corner. A commode, bed and dresser compose the furnishings. A window by which the matron can check on the women is present on the door.

Even grimmer are the four rooms used for isolation or "the hole." Here in these "lock-down cells," there are no windows. Only one dirty mattress graces the barren room. "They take the mattress out at 5 am and bring it back at 8 pm," complained a prisoner. We have to sit or lie on the cold, hard floor the rest of the time.'

Because "the hole" is located by the prison's generator, the rooms are in the noisest part of the prison. The constant sounds are unnerving to the one in isolation.

Suicide Attempt

While looking at a huge stain on the new floor of the "hole", the frank inmate explained, "a girl cut herself with a razor in a suicide attempt." At this point, the reality of prison life became vivid and self explanatory.

Additionally, the prison contains a beauty shop which is staffed by a licensed cosmotologist with service on a no-charge basis. On the other hand, educational facilities are meger.

Occupational sewing classes are available; however, academic schooling is limited. Ugly, dark, and dirty is the only way to describe the classroom. A poorly shelved library completes the dismal educational opportunities. Also, teachers work on a volunteer basis and are difficult to find.

Fear Outside World

"We simply are not prepared to go into the outside world," declared the guide who will be released in a few days. "Frankly, I am scared to death to try and look for a job," she concluded.

Finally, medical care is easily available. "A medical doctor, psychiatrist and psychologist, as well as, two registered nurses and a dentist each work 40 hours a week," stated the warden. Furthermore, there is a well-equipped 20-bed infirmary on the compound.

Interesting is the word to describe the dining room because it looks exactly like the LSUS snack-shack. Inmates prepare their own meals.

75% On Drug Charges

Presently, there are 119 women of which over 75 per cent are serving sentences for various drug charges, confined in the 200 capacity prison. Most are lower-class blacks and several appear to be severely disturbed. Surprisingly, the inmates wear colorful street clothing which provides the only cheerfulness around. Of course this policy saves the state a large sum of money.

In short, the new facility complete with a gym is far superior to the old one. Inmates, who were skeptical of moving into individual rooms, were astounded by the cleanliness and freedom they have in the new facility.

However, the groups' opinion of the prison was that the women just exist. With no job training along with public opinion against the ex-offender, the odds are that four out of five will return within one year. Because the women are so frightened of living in the outside world, all present felt that there has to be an alternative to this type of confinement.

Billy Preston, Seals & Crofts To Appear

Billy Preston, Marshall Tucker, Tim Buckley, Fleetwood Mac, and Seals & Crofts are among some of the rock attractions that will be appearing in the area during the next couple of months.

Marshall Tucker is of special interest however, because the concert will coincide with the Mardi Gras holiday in New Orleans. If you had your FM receiver on New Year's Eve night and heard the all-night special with the Allman Bros. and Marshall Tucker, you know what we mean.

The crowd was going looney when Marshall Tucker was playing. Their lead player for Marshall Tucker was flying into smooth, bluesy leads which Dicky Betts couldn't touch, even in a studio.

Billy Preston has toured with the Rolling Stones besides having had several hit singles, and his style varies from jive music to spacey, synthesized hard rock tunes. This concert promises to be fantastic since it is being held at USL in Lafayette, and anybody can have a good time in cajun country.

The concert dates and locations are listed below:

—Billy Preston, Feb. 20, at USL in Lafayette.

—Marshall Tucker, Feb. 25, at the Warehouse in New Orleans.

—Tim Buckley, Feb. 27, at Gertie's in Dallas.

—Fleetwood Mac, March 30, at Moody Coliseum in Dallas.

—Seals & Crofts, April 16, at Memorial Auditorium in Dallas.

Prankster's False Alarms Are Finable

Several hundred students and faculty members evacuated the Liberal Arts Building last Tuesday after someone set off the building's fire alarm system.

According to Sam Tucker, LSUS Utility Department operations engineer, a "prankster" pulled an alarm switch on the third floor of the structure. Classes were in progress at the time.

While Campus Security officers declined to comment on the incident, Tucker speculated the fugitive made his get-away via a stairway located next to the alarm switch.

Some controversy existed for a time as to who gave students permission to reenter the building. According to Donald E. Shipp, LSUS chancellor, Campus Security officers searched the building for a possible fire. Finding none, an "all clear" alarm was then sounded and students and faculty were allowed to reenter the building. Shipp also said that the Shreveport Fire Department was not summoned.

According to Chief J. F. Medlin, director of the Shreveport Fire Prevention Bureau, turning in false fire alarms is classified as criminal mischief. Violators can be brought before city court and fined, he said.

I. Q. Tests Prove Students Morons

By NANCY GENTRY

You're sitting in the auditorium waiting for the man to come in with the tests. I.Q. tests. You took one back in the sixth grade and they said you were a "borderline" moron.

Well, you know you can't be that dumb—it's the tests that are dumb. You tell yourself you don't care. After all, what do they know?

He's handing out the tests now. Maybe you'll do better this time; you've learned a lot since eleven. Here come the answer sheets. Here come the pencils. What right do they have anyway? Given the right questions, you'd show them what you could do.

The instructions boom forth, like a T.V. commercial in the next room when you've gone to the kitchen for a sandwich. The thing that burns you up is that everyone in the room is feeling the same way. And all these scores will go into the statistics that tell the world that you're a middle class American, you're probably inferior. Time to start. Easy questions first:

1. If I was playing the dozens, I'd be talking most about:
 a) Waterbed
 b) Your mama
 c) The digit man
 d) Wrinkles
 e) A together set
2. Trabajo domestico le corresponde a que clase do persona(s)?
 a) Mujeres
 b) Hombres
 d) Ninas
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3. Tailing are:
 a) Scraps from hog butchering used in making souse and pickled soul foods
 b) Slate
 c) Two hammers on a down an' out
 d) A police stake-out
4. If you throw the dice and "7" is showing on top, what is facing down?
 a) "Seven"
 b) "Snake Eyes"
 c) "Little Joes"
 d) "Boxcars"
5. Japanese-Americans refer to themselves as:
 a) Issei
 b) Sansei
 c) Neissi
 d) the Yellow peril
6. Which of the following items is out of place?
 a) Ripple
 b) Twister
 c) T-Bird
 d) Wild Turkey

This switcheroo was pulled on Mr. Danny K. Walker's Sociology 322 class to give them an idea of what it feels like to take an "intelligence" test where the language and situations are so foreign that it is necessary to guess at most of the answers.

The questions were taken from two of a number of tests that have been devised for this purpose since the early 1950's when cultural bias was shown to be an important factor in determining the validity of any tests which had prviously been considered "culture-free." The problem was centered around the lack of familiarity with vocabularies, problems and symbols that are a part of ordinary middle class life.

According to Robert J. Havighurst, professor of education at the University of Chicago, this lack of familiarity is a result of cultural differences in home and family life, neighborhood and community life, school experience and motivation.

Although the sociology students scored very low, the one thing the students did seem to know some thing about was welfare payments. The question most frequently answered correctly was this: "Hattie Mae Johnson is on the County. She has four children and her husband is now in jail for non-support as he was unemployed and was not able to give her any money. Her welfare check is now $186.00 per month. Last night she went out with the biggest playboy in town. If she got pregnant, then nine months from now, how much will her welfare check be?" $35.00, of course.



SIGNS OF THE TIMES. One Shreveport bus had the right idea when its back end proclaimed this juicy statement.

An Everyday Tragedy Can Have A Happy Ending

By RANDY GRIFFITH

Retardation is an ugly word that does strange things to people. It scares some, provokes sympathy in others, and does nothing to still others.

Bossier Parish has had a program of Special Education for nearly 17 years. The head of this program for the past six years has been Mrs. Betty James, a veteran of Special Education for 19 years.

A Little Encouragement

It has been said many times that, with a little encouragement, a handicapped child can lead a "normal" life. Yet those who are filled with pity might wonder if that is really possible.

"Oh yes," reseponds Mrs. James, "just as we all have our own limitations, a handicapped person is limited academically.

"That limitation does not make him any less a person, however. It would be virtually impossible to pick most handicapped children out of a crowd.

"With a little bit of help and understanding," she says, "he is able to lead a very normal, happy life."

However, that "little bit of help" must come from somewhere.

Of course, much of it does come from the teachers and various programs.

Parental Responsibility

Yet the major responsibility must rest on the parents. Their acceptance, says Mrs. James, is the key to success or failure in the child's life.

She describes the parent's reactions as being anywhere from a terribly hurt feeling to that of disbelief.

"Yet," she points out, "if a parent will overcome those feelings and accept the child for what he is, the child will be able to feel more secure and achieve his maximum potential."

Love and Acceptance

The necessary attitudes, therefore, can be summed up in three words: love, understanding and acceptance.

"If a parent is always pushing and shoving a child to do better, then the child is more apt to feel frustrated and develop a poor self-image."

Mrs. James gives an example of what a good attitude can do: a former student of her's, after graduation from high school, went on to take a job that pays over $150 a week.

A large part of the success goes of course, to the student for having the determination and sheer guts to do his best.

But just as important were the attitudes of his parents.

"He had wonderful parents," Mrs. James explains, "who understood his problem, accepted it and helped him with it.

A Happy Ending

"The result is that the young man is as happy as you and I ever will be."

It is a beautiful story with a happy ending; a happy ending that could easily have been a tragedy.

And a happy ending available to any handicapped person.

Sure, retardation may be a strange, scary word. But for those who live it everyday, it can mean a whole new world of love understanding and acceptance.

Record Rap . . .

By JOHN McBRIDE

Been record shopping lately? If you have, you may have been bewildered by the many new albums that there are to choose from, by new bands and old established groups alike.

Here are just a few recommendations for you music-maniacs: J. Geils Band, **Ladies Invited-** Yes, J. Geils has probably struck gold once again with this album. It is an excellent album if you like ole' timey rock and roll with a 70's touch. The tightness of the band is almost incredible on this album. A must for you J. Geils fans.

Marshall Tucker Band—This group was voted "Best New Artists of the Year" by **Rolling Stone,** and they well deserve it, too. This first album by them sounds like the Allman Bros. and Jethro Tull blended together. They play a smooth country, hard-rock type music set off by beautiful flute melodies and screeching, down-home country guitar pickin'.

Seigel-Schwall Band—This is the best album to come out of San Francisco in years. This band plays rhythym & blues and jazz so fantastic, that you'll swear John Lee Hooker and the Detroit bluesman are together again under an alias name. And Mickie Finn ain't got a thing on these dudes. This album will be well worth your trouble to find.

Paul McCartney, **Band on the Run** — Voted "Album of the Year" by **Rolling Stone.** McCartney just keeps on comin' at you. The synthesized melodies and mellow harmonies on this album puts McCartney in a class all by himself.

Other ear benders to check out: The Who, **Quadrophenia**... Yes, **Tales from Topographic Oceans.**

SAU Players Delight The Little People In Skit

By LINDA LOCKWOOD

P.S. . . . "Please come back!"

This was the note neatly written at the end of a letter sent to the LSUS Sigma Alpha Upsilon Players by a fifth-grader.

She was just one of the many elementary school children who fall in love with the players after seeing them perform.

The players present classical children's stories to elementary school children during the holidays.

The purpose of this "Theater for Children" is to "faciliate language development in young children," according to Mrs. Joan Harrington, assistant professor of speech and psychology, who is serving as the group's sponsor.

Red Riding Hood Beautiful

"The children love the slapstick, comical characters such as the three little pigs, dressed in pink hot pants, and Cinderella," said Mrs. Harrington.



Cinderella and Her Prince

"I'd take Cinderella to the ball anytime!" wrote one 8-year-old boy in a letter to the players.

After seeing "Little Red Riding Hood" performed, the same boy wrote, "When the wolf said Red Riding Hood was dumb he was wrong, she was beautiful!"

Satisfaction Gained

The players make their own costumes, and props, spend many hours each semester practicing and buy their own gas to travel to the different schools, said Mrs. Harrington.

When asked if it was worth it, Robert Banning, vice-president of the group replied, "It's the most worthwhile thing I've ever done. The kids are great and they make you feel like you are doing something important."

To prove this point, one LSUS player told of a bright-eyed little boy who ran up to her after a performance, hugged her neck and said, "Thank you for coming!"

Fantasy Comes Alive

The fantasy world of fairy tales and bed time stories come alive for children when they see the LSUS players perform.

"Because the plays make the stories interesting the children are encouraged to read books and this is one of our purposes," explained Mrs. Harrington.

Some of the children are even encouraged to be actors. As one fifth-grader said, "If you ever need a little actor with a big smile, count me in."



Look at those sexy legs!

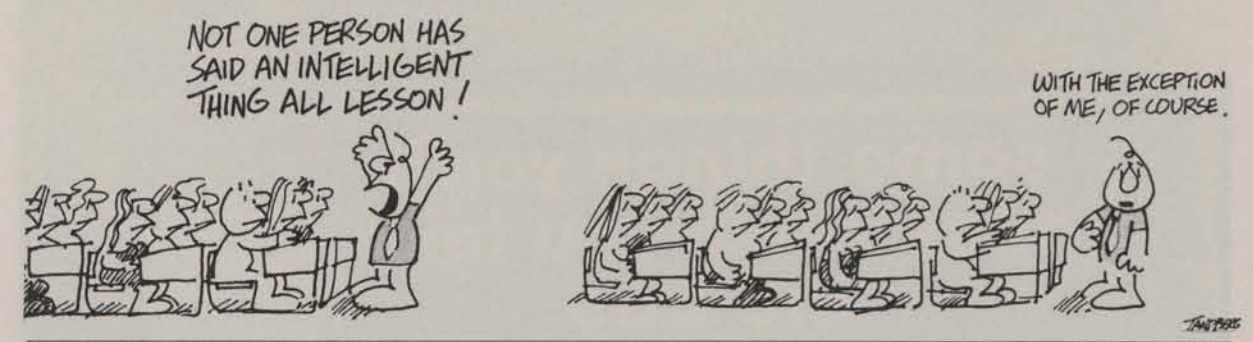
Art Auction Set

An art auction will be held Saturday, February 16, at 8:15 p.m. The auction is for the benefit of the Montessori School of Shreveport. Pierremont Mall is the place of this colorful event.

Leonard Kacenjar will give a performance at 8. A cocktail preview at 7 will preceed the performance. Donations of $3 per person will enable eligibility for the auction.

Original oils, watercolors, drawings, etchings and lithographs will all be auctioned.

FRED AND OTHERS





Bench Remarks

By TERRY HARGIS

It seems every time I write something I'm either trying to explain something or preach something. Well today I'm not going to explain or preach, I'm going to do both. First in regards to a letter to the editor that appeared in the last Almagest concerning last ball's sports coverage.

I think it is only fair to explain to the students that last fall the Almagest Staff was operating without a sports editor. This is no excuse merely an explanation even without a sports editor the Almagest still should have had reporters available to give the events adequate coverage. This was attempted several times but due to the lack of interested reporters we could not give the proper coverage.

Congratulations Gang!

If anyone was offended by this we are terribly sorry and we agree that the Greenway Gang, winners of the fall flag Football league, deserve to be congratulated, so here goes CONGRATULATIONS!

Seriously, the Almagest has devoted its scope of coverage to the students this spring, but there are still problems. These problems are caused by the students apparent lack of interest. (oh crap here comes another damn lecture on student apathy) No your wrong no lecture just a word to the wise. "You don't know how much you miss something till you have to do without it."

Is There a Genuine Interest?

Are you completely lost? Well I'll try to enlighten you to the seriousness of the problem. The sports section of the Almagest has devoted itself to the handling of IM activities and also to any student interested sports activities. The only trouble is that some students don't seem to be genuinely interested.

Girls IM activities at Fort Humbug will close if there is not an increase in participants. Men's IM flag football; there are only four teams and so far no one has showed up for a game. Basketball and bowling are going strong, but there still could be more participants. What excuse does the students have? We're waiting foos ball air hockey and pong.

What Happened?

Yeah, what about the activities planned for the shack, what happened to them? All that can be said about that situation is that competition will begin as soon as the equipment arrives.

Still this can't be the excuse for student (not apathy) non-participation. Getting back to my words of wisdom. There is a nasty rumor circling the campus that our IM program may change drastically if more participation is not shown in the future. 'nuff said.

Students Mop Up At Fort Humbug

Who are Pete Reese, John Monsour, Rob Norsworthy and Marvin Street? They are the diligent unselfish souls who on February 2, a Saturday no less, swept and mopped the National Guard armory that our intramural program uses on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Don Dino, IM director, also pushed the mop and broom for those of us who chose to sleep-in. According to Dino, the event was announced and volunteers were welcome. Only four showed.

Come now people, if we are to use the armory gym, regardless of its condition, we should be big enough to clean it up. We all owe Pete, John, Rob and Marvin a little thanks this time and a lot of help next time.

LSUS Calendar of Events

Feb. 14—St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 15—SGA movie "Learning Tree" in the SLA at 7:30.
Feb. 16—Orientering.
Feb. 18—Team Foos ball competition scheduled to begin.

Walker Paces Faculty In IM Cage Play

By GERRY GARLAND

The Faculty, paced by the 27 point outburst of Danny Walker, coasted to 66-44 victory over the Slaughterhouse Five Thursday night in the second half of a doubleheader at Fort Humbug.

In the night's preliminary confrontation the Hustlers posted a 24-21 victory over the Paramedics, aided by Young's six second-half points which overcame 10-10 scoring deadlock at the half.

Looking impressive in its season debut, the Facs surged out to a commanding 31-15 lead at the intermission. The Over-the-Hill Gang never relinquished the lead with the closest the Slaughterhouse Five could get to them was at 47-32 count.

Overshadowed by the brilliant Faculty play was a 25 point performance by the Slaughterhouse Five's Paul Friedly.

In the low-scoring opener the Hustlers had to wait five minutes into the first half before taking a 2-0 lead. The Hustler's combating a definite height disadvantage, battled back from a 20-16 lead, outscoring the Paramedics 8-1 in the waning moments for the victory.

In IM cage action on Tuesday Greenway Gang, paced by Phil Garrison's 20 points and Pete Reese's 15 points bombarded the Facs by the score of 57-36. The Over-the-Hill Gang was led in scoring by Charlie Johnson.

In the second game of double twin bill BSS out gunned the Hustlers 47-26. BSS sported a balanced scoring attack with Johnnie Burelson and Larry Davis tallying 14 and 9 points respectively. Don Young was high point man for the Hustlers with 8 points.

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